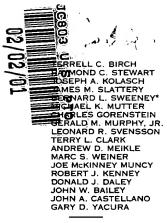
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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c).

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For: SYSTEM, METHOD, AND APPARATUS FOR PRINTING, AND METHOD AND

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## Enclosed are:

| <u>X</u> | A specification consisting of <u>30</u> pages                       |
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| <u>X</u> | 5 sheet(s) of <u>FORMAL</u> drawings                                |
| ****     | Certified copy of Priority Document(s)                              |
| <u>X</u> | Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.64 will follow     |
|          | Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27 |
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| _X_ | Information Sheet  |
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|     | Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s) |
|     | Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 CFR 1.76        |
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